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His Majesties GRACIOUS SPEECH To both Houses of Parliament.

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My Lords and Gentlemen,

HAving lately told you, that it would be necessary for me to go into *Holland* much about this time, I am very glad to find that the Success of your Endeavours to bring this Session to a happy Conclusion, has been such, that I am now at Liberty to do it; And I return you my hearty Thanks for the great Dispatch you have made in finishing the Supplies you have designed for carring on the War, which it shall be my care to see duely and punctually Applyed to that Service for which you have given them: And I do likewise think it proper to Assure you, that I shall not make any Grant of the Forfeited Lands in *England* or *Ireland*, till there be another Opportunity of Settling that Matter in Parliament, in such manner as shall be thought most expedient.

My Lords and Gentlemen.

As I have Reason to be very well Satisfied with the proofs you have given Me of your good affection in this Session of Parliament, So I promise my Self the continuance of the Same, at your return into your several Counties: And as every day produces fresh instances of the Restlesness of our Enemies, both at home and abroad, in designing against the Prosperity of this Nation and Government Establish'd; So I do not doubt but that the Union and good correspondence between Me and My Parliament, and My earnest and constant Endeavours for your preservation on the one hand, joyned with the Continuance of your Zeal and Affection to Support Me on the other, will, by the Blessing of God, be at all times too Strong for the utmost Malice and Contrivance of Our common Enemies.

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